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SUBJ: SIAD STILL SEEKING TANGIBLE USG SUPPORT

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1. I MET WITH PRESIDENT SIAD THIS MORNING, APRIL 6, AND TOLD HIM THAT WE WRE RAISING WITH THE SOVIET, CUBAN, AND ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENTS THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE ATTACKS ON SOMALI TERRITORY. I INCLUDED A REFERENCE TO OUR PERCEPTION OF A MORE LIMITED ATTACK ON SOMALI TERRITORY THAN HE FORESAW. I ALSO WENT INTO CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ON THE ADVERSE EFFECT CONTINUED GSDR MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE WSLF WOULD HAVE. AT THE CLOSE OF MY PRESENTATION, WHICH ALSO INCLUDED THE GENERAL POINTS IN SUPPORT OF THE OAU MEDIATION, AND THE DESIRABILITY OF ABSTAINING FROM VIOLENCE AND HOSTILE PROPAGANDA, I SAID I HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS PURSUANT TO THE SPECIAL EMISSARY'S MISSION, BUT ANTICIPATED WORD SHORTLY. SO THAT THERE COULD BE NO POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING OF WHAT I HAD SAID,

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I LEFT WITH SIAD A NON-PAPER INCORPORATING MY TALKING POINTS MINUS ANY REFERENCE TO THE ANTICIPATED INSTRUCTIONS. I ASKED HIM IF HE COULD INFORM ME WHAT THE GSDR'S VIEWS WERE ON THE OAU MEETING AT LAGOS.

2. SIAD DID NOT REGISTER ANY ENTHUSIASM FOR A POSSIBLE OAU MEETING. HE CONTENDED THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE

MEETING REQUIRED ATTENDANCE BY THE HEADS OF STATE. ALL THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS COULD DO, HE SAID, WAS TO AGREE UPON AN AGENDA. SEEMINGLY THINKING OUT LOUD, SIAD SAID QTE WE KNOW NOTHING CAN BE EXPECTED AS LONG AS THE SOVIETS HAVE A ROLE. UNQTE. BUT WE ARE ALWAYS READY TO TALK, HE CONTINUED, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO SEND OUR FOREIGN MINISTER TO LAGOS.

3. TURNING TO THE MESSAGE I CONVEYED, SIAD SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE REPLY TO HIS APPEAL, BUT HE FOUND IT DID NOT CORRESPOND TO SOMALIA'S NEEDS. HE SAID THERE WAS A GROWING BELIEF IN SOMALIA THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ACCEPTED SOVIET DOMINATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND DECIDED TO ABANDON SOMALIA. HE SAID HE HAD ASKED SPECIAL EMISSARY MOOSE MANY TIMES IF THE US EMBARGO ON SUPPORT FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO SOMALIA COULD NOT BE LIFTED, BUT HE STILL HAD NO RESPONSE. WARMING TO HIS ARGUMENT, SIAD CONTINUED: QTE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE SOVIET UNION IN AFRICA IS SKY HIGH. ARE YOU ENCOURAGING ME TO GO TO MOSCOW AND BEG THEM (FOR A SETTLEMENT)? UNQTE. THE SOMALI LEADER SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE WEST WAS PUSHING THE AFRICANS TO CONDEMN SOMALIA. HE SAID WE ARE ONLY ASKING WE NOT BE DEPRIVED OF AN ABILITY TO DEFEND OURSELVES.

4. SIAD'S RESPONSE TO THE COMMENT ON RELATIONS WITH THE WSLF WAS ALONG FAMILIAR LINES. HE ARGUED HE HAD NO CONTROL OVER THE WSLF WHICH HE ASSERTED HAD MORE MEN AND WEAPONS  
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INCLUDING QTE CAPTURED AMERICAN WEAPONS UNQTE THAN THE SOMALI NATIONAL ARMY. HE SAID HE WAS POWERLESS TO INFLUENCE THEIR ACTIVITY IN TERRITORY IN WHICH THEY LIVED AND FOUGHT SUCCESSFULLY AGAINST THEIR ETHIOPIAN OVERLORDS. HE ADDED THAT THE NATIONAL ARMY COULD HARDLY KEEP THE WSLF OUT OF "WESTERN SOMALIA" IF ITS UNITS CHOSE TO BE THERE. THE BORDER WAS TOO LONG, AND HIS MILITARY RESOURCES TOO LIMITED. MOREOVER, HE SAID HE SIMPLY COULD NOT BECOME THE AUTHOR OF A FRATRICIDAL STRUGGLE WHICH WOULD TEAR SOMALIA APART.

5. ON TAKING LEAVE OF SIAD I REMINDED HIM THAT JOE KRAFT WAS EXPECTED ON SUNDAY AND I HOPED HE WOULD KEEP THE APPOINTMENT TO SEE HIM (PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED BY ADDOU). IN REPLY, SIAD STATED OF COURSE HE WOULD SEE KRAFT BUT QTE WE ARE BEYOND THE USE OF PUBLIC OPINION IN APPEALING DECISIONS. WHAT IS NOW REQUIRED IS FOR LEADERS TO MAKE THE REQUIRED DECISIONS. UNQTE

6. COMMENT: SIAD RECEIVED ME WITH UNUSUAL DISPATCH THIS MORNING. WHEN I ARRIVED THE COMPOUND WAS FILLING WITH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS GATHERING FOR THEIR REGULAR THURSDAY SESSION. GENERAL SAMATAR WAS ALREADY PRESENT. I

SAW THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON MY WAY OUT. SIAD, HOWEVER, WAS CALM AND UNHURRIED DURING OUR MEETING. HE HEARD MY POINTS PATIENTLY, BUT WAS marginally MORE HEATED IN HIS RESPONSE THAN HE USUALLY IS. HE WAS DISAPPOINTED IN OUR RESPONSE AND DID NOT LIKE THE BURDEN OF MY ARGUMENTS. SIGNIFICANTLY, HE DID NOT DISPUTE MY ASSERTION THAT THE TERRITORIAL THREAT TO SOMALIA WAS LESS THAN HE PERCEIVED. HE IS ALSO DISAPPOINTED BY THE LACK OF ACTIVITY IN THE WAKE OF THE SPECIAL EMISSARY'S MISSION. I DO BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE MADE EXPLICIT OUR SEVERAL RDSEVATIONS ON THE GSDR'S SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED WSLF ACTIVITY. I DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN EXERCISE MUCH INFLUENCE ON THIS ASPECT OF GSDR RELATIONS, HOWEVER, UNTIL SIAD HAS A BETTER IDEA OFF WHAT MILITARY SUPPORT HE MAY

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HOPE TO OBTAIN FROM US. IN KEEPING WITH HIS TACTICS, HE IS STILL TRYING TO UP THE ANTE. I NEED NOT REMIND THE DEPT HE IS STILL RELUCTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE ANY POLICY DIFFICULTIES ON OUR SIDE. FOR BREVITY'S SAKE, I HAVE OMITTED MY SEVERAL REJOINDERS TO HIS ARGUMENTS. I HOPE I MAY ANTICIPATE RECEIPT OF MY NEXT INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, BUT I DID THINK IT NECESSARY TO INFORM SIAD THIS MORNING THAT HIS APPEAL OF FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AGO WAS HEARD.

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